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**PUC Commissioners Fiigen Hansen Nelson: Written Testimony Docket HP24-001**

**Thank you for holding open transparent public meetings on this important subject. The South Dakota PUC was 100 percent validated for their denial of a Permit for this CO 2 pipeline project. The South Dakota Supreme Court validated your decision as well as the voters, who did so twice at the ballot box. In the 2024 South Dakota primary elections the voters defeated all but one legislative incumbent who were in support of the pipeline and SB 201. The voters also soundly defeated the SB 201 Referral in all but Union county [the home of Dakota Dunes].**

**The South Dakota Supreme Court ruled on four issues:**

- 1 The court ruled that the CO 2 Pipeline Company could not prove they are common carriers.**
- 2.. The Court ruled that the CO 2 pipeline company did not follow the law by withholding information from landowners.**
- 3. The Court ruled that the CO2 pipeline company was not following the county ordinances. We continue to receive reports that the CO 2 pipeline company continues to harass landowners with threats of eminent domain to acquire right of way easements.**
- 4. The Court ruled that the CO2 Pipeline Company could no longer survey without landowner permission.**

**By the pipeline company's own admission the project is not feasible without a huge taxpayer subsidy.**

**This project is a huge threat to the environment, human life and the public's health and safety!**

**The PUC ruled that the CO 2 pipeline company did not comply with county ordinances.**

**If they do not comply you must deny!**

**Thank you for your consideration. Please vote no.**

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